

Pop Art

Pop Art is a style which explores the everyday imagery which is part of contemporary consumer culture. Common subjects include advertisements, consumer product packaging, celebrities, and comic strips. Some of the most famous Pop artists include Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, and Wayne Thiebaud.

Andy Warhol:

Andy Warhol was the 1st successful commercial artist with much of his work being screenprints. Some of his most famous pieces included subjects of Coca-Cola bottles, Campbell's soup cans, and Brillo cartons. His most characteristic manner was repetition with Coca-Cola bottles and Campbell's soup cans. From this he turned to contemporary American folk heroes such as Elvis Presley, Elizabeth Taylor, and Marilyn Monroe.

Roy Lichtenstein:

Roy Lichtenstein, another famous Pop artist concentrated primarily on comic strips and advertisements. He enlarged these in oil or acrylic paint using limited, flat colors, and hard precise drawing. He is most famous for his band-aid dots which represent a comic strip technique.

Wayne Thiebaud:

Wayne Thiebaud's subjects for his paintings include food and consumer goods, many of them being in a series. He paints the food with rich, smooth dragging of paint across the surface or around a shape in a way that both proclaims the luscious texture of oils and often transforms itself into the very material being depicted, from being frosting or whipped cream to metal.